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2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Russians charged with meddling

By Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » In an extraordinary indictment, the U.S. special counsel accused 13 Russians Friday of an elaborate plot to disrupt the 2016 presidential election, charging them with running a huge but hidden social media trolling campaign aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump defeat Democrat Hillary Clinton.

The federal indictment, brought by special counsel Robert Mueller, represents the most detailed allegations to date of illegal Russian meddling during the campaign that sent Trump to the White House. It also marks the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influence the outcome. The Russian organization was funded by Yevgeny Prigozhin, the indictment says. He is a wealthy St. Petersburg businessman with

ties to the Russian government and President Vladimir Putin. Trump quickly claimed vindication Friday, noting in a tweet that the alleged interference efforts began in 2014 — “long before I announced that I would run for President.” “The results of the election were not impacted. The Trump campaign did nothing wrong — no collusion!” he tweeted. But the indictment does not

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President Donald Trump responds to reporters asking questions as he leaves the White House, on Friday in Washington, for a trip to his private Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.
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DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

FLIPPO ANNOUNCES HE WILL NOT RUN FOR RE-ELECTION



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Monterey County District Attorney Dean Flippo has announced he will not be running for re-election. Flippo, 77, is the longest serving district attorney in Monterey County history.

Longest serving DA in county history

By Tommy Wright
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SALINAS » Dean Flippo, the longest serving district attorney in

Monterey County history, announced Friday he will not run for re-election in June. Flippo, 77, started with the Monterey County District Attorney's Office as a prosecutor in 1972 and was elected district attorney in 1990. He said he plans on finishing out his seventh term of office in January 2019. While he said he could have likely ran

unopposed in 2018 as he did in 2014, he said the time was right to not run again. “My wife and I were talking and she said it's her time, and she's absolutely right,” Flippo said. “I think it's the right time for me too.” Flippo said he will remain active in the community and continue to serve on various

boards, foundations and non-profits. Flippo plans on spending more time with friends and family, though he said he will continue to keep busy. “I've been 24/7 for about 40-something years and those phone calls go off in the middle of the night, you know murders happen whenever they're going

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SCHOOL SHOOTING

FBI says it failed to investigate tip on suspect

By Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson and Tamara Lush
The Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA. » The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a “desire to kill” and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI director to resign because of the agency's failure. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17 people Wednesday was a “tragic consequence” of the FBI's missteps and ordered a review of the Justice Department's processes. He said it's now clear that the nation's premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs. A person who was close to Nikolas Cruz called the FBI's tip line on Jan. 5 and provided information about Cruz's weapons and his erratic behavior, including his disturbing social media posts. The caller was concerned that Cruz could attack a school.

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A young girl and a woman link arms as they leave a funeral service for Alyssa Alhadeff at the Star of David Funeral Chapel in North Lauderdale, Fla., on Friday.

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Austria	4	1	4	9
United States	5	1	2	8



Mikaela Shiffrin dethroned from slalom title.
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SOUTH AFRICA

New president pledges to 'turn the tide'

South African President Ramaphosa delivered a message of optimism, renewal Friday in his first address.
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7.2 earthquake slams south, central Mexico

A powerful magnitude-7.2 earthquake shook south and central Mexico on Friday, causing people to flee.
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